

are now reading *Our Country*. Brother Yoder gave you a good introduction to the book. It is a great book. Great because of its facts. It is a book about the present and future of your country. Hence it should be of interest.

1. Read the introduction carefully. 2. Note the leading idea—the idea of crisis in our destiny and thro us the destiny of the world. 3. The future power of the west. Note, the Arbitration Treaty was defeated in U. S. Senate by western senators. 4. The character of the western people. 5. What is the eastern opportunity? 6. Study: "The U. S. as a strategic position in the world's evangelization." 7. The key note of the book: Save America, not for America's sake but for the world's sake. "As goes America so goes the world."

*Chapter I.—The Time Factor in the Problem.*

1. The extraordinary times in which we are living. Says the poet:

"We are living—We are dwelling—  
In a grand and awful time—  
In an age on ages telling  
To be living is sublime."

2. Commit quotations from Prof. Phelps.

3. Why a few years of national growth may in a time of peace be so fateful. (a) Because the pulse and pace of the world has in this century been wonderfully quickened. Study: The Discovery of Steam—its application to travel and manufacture and the results. (b) By comparison of Oriental or eastern civilization with accidental or western prove that "Interchange is the soul of progress." (c) Note how times and distance have been almost annihilated by steam and electricity. (d) Note again how that by improved and quickened facilities for travel and communication people have been brought nearer together; and then know that the one fundamental law of civilization is: "That the civilization of all people is inversely as their isolation." (e) Study: "The Press as a Civilizing Agency."

4. The development of science during the present century which is as a "John the Baptist" going before the church, clearing away a vast amount of rubbish and superstition and thus prepare the way for the spread of a pure spiritual christianity.

5. The Development of Missions. (We noticed this in the crisis of Missions).

6. Development of Great Ideas. (1) Individual Liberty. What was the (a) Roman—(b) The Grecian Conception of Individual Liberty? (2) Honor to Womanhood. This can be made an interesting and fruitful study. (3) Enhanced Value of Human Life.

7. The Superiority of Western Civilization. (1) The U. S. vs England. (2) The Rapid Settlement of West. (3) Without precedent and will be without parallel because there are no more western worlds to be discovered.

TOPICS FOR FURTHER STUDY.

1. The Westward movement of Civilization. Says Bishop Berkely:

"Westward the course of enterprise takes  
its way,  
The first four acts already past;  
A fifth shall close the drama of the day,  
Time's noblest offspring is the last."

(2) America is the *fifth*. Is the prophecy then correct? If not, where and what is the next? Do you have any reasons for believing with some that it will be Africa? (3) What have I learned from this Topic?

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TWELVE MILE, IND.

A few Sundays ago I asked my Sunday-school class if they would contribute for the Chicago mission. So the next Sunday we contributed as follows: Blanche Daltzell, 10 cents; Edna Kelsey, 10 cents; Cora Woodhouse, 5 cents; Zada Ford, 10 cents, and myself 25 cents. Through the kindness of a few of the brethren I have \$1.25 to enclose for Brother McFaden. He may hear from us as a class again. If each Sunday-school class in the brotherhood would take a special collection for home missions once each quarter it would be a great help to the cause.

EDGAR THOMAS.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

ANOTHER BAPTISM.

This time a young man, he had before made a confession, then moved away. When we opened our tent work in a new place he was the first to find us, renewed his confession and entered into close relation with the church by baptism. I have no doubt there are many more the same way, and during the coming months the seed sown will be garnered. We have been very faithful in seed sowing, and the reaping must come. It is only the matter of time, that we must consider. God's promises are true, results must follow actions; actions belong to us, results are in the hands of God.

OUR TENT WORK.

We opened our tent several weeks ago, and Brother Barth has had charge. Two confessions had been received to date, a man and woman. In our second tent we also had a confession, and good results looked for. I must tell you about this work. A young man sold a "Story of Je-

sus," on the back was our adv. A good woman saw it, came to see us, invited us over, and promised eight to go with us. A tent was procured, they furnished us over a hundred chairs, pulpit, stand and organ. Brother Coffman was placed in charge, and so a new channel of communication established. I had about two hundred children present at the first service, and gave them an illustrated talk. As already stated, the foundation is being laid for a great work; if not continued the responsibility is on the church, not on the workers.

GOD BLESS BROTHER MCFADEN.

Mable Hall is a little three year old girl, the sweet little daughter of one of our members. She could not come to Sunday-school the other Sunday, and so at her home she knelt down and prayed, and this was her prayer: "God bless Brother McFaden." What a blessed little prayer from an infant's lips. Her papa says she prays more than some of the older ones, and I am sure it is true. What a mistake parents make in neglecting the religious training of children. Their minds are wax, easily impressed. In old age the mind is hard and not easy to influence. As the twig is bent, the tree inclines. Our Sunday-school and Jr. Society are both used to influence the young in right paths. If you would like to make the acquaintance of sister Mable and little Sister McFaden, you can come to see us, or you can get a look at their pictures in the view of Our Mission Home. God bless the children.

THE PREACHERS TROUBLES.

Sister Spragens said: "Very few people know how to treat a preacher." That is true. The preacher not only has his own troubles to contend with, but he has the troubles of all his members. The preacher of old said that in all the afflictions of the people, God was afflicted, and that bond of sympathy is now between the true preacher and his people. Many forget this, and make no allowance for his humanity, his responsibility, and his burdens, hence there is criticism in place of encouragement, condemnation in place of help, frowns in place of smiles. No man has harder work than the faithful minister. Give him your confidence and support, let him know you appreciate his work, stand by him in his efforts to build up. If you cannot agree, then separate, but as long as he is your pastor you are under obligations to hold up his hands.

THE FALLS CITY CHURCH.

This is one of the wheel churches. It pulls. Brother Keller is the pastor, and is up to his heart in pushing for a building